

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 196

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Lisa Akbari for her
laudable career in hair care.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those
exemplary citizens who contribute significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisa Akbari is one such estimable individual who has worked
assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Akbari, who is known to her patients as the "Hair Doctor," began her
admirable career in the beauty and hair care industry more than thirty years ago as a licenced
cosmetologist and aesthetician, and she is now a board-certified trichologist; and

WHEREAS, through her seminars, workshops, classes, and books, Dr. Akbari educates
patients, dermatologists, and hairstylists on how to prevent aging hair, and she and her
husband, Hooshang Akbari, serve as the directors and lead trichologists at Lisa Akbari's World
Trichology Institute in Memphis, which focuses on education, research, and analysis of hair and
its connection to the scalp; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Lisa Akbari became the first licensed trichologist to practice in
Memphis and, around the same time, based on her extensive research, tests, and studies, Dr.
Akbari discovered and coined the hair and scalp disorders, Short Hair Syndrome and Follicular
Epidermis Alopecia; and

WHEREAS, the discovery and education of these disorders have helped Dr. Akbari stop
hair loss and scalp problems in thousands of men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, known as an innovator in the field of trichology, Lisa Akbari is the author of
The Black Woman's Guide to Beautiful Hair, which is the number one-selling hair care book for

African-Americans, and her latest book, *Every Woman's Guide to Beautiful Hair at Any Age*, was recently released; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Akbari serves as a frequent contributor to *Grace Magazine*, WHBQ-TV in Memphis, WLOK Radio in Memphis, www.blackdoctor.org, and www.blackwomenshealth.com, venues through which she is able to explain complex hair and scalp problems in an easy-to-understand and informative way; and

WHEREAS, she has also been featured in *Jet Magazine*, *Essence Magazine*, and *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, providing practical advice to some of the most intense hair and scalp issues affecting all hair types today; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Dr. Akbari partnered with Southwest Tennessee Community College to create the first affiliated continuing education trichology program, which is responsible for educating stylists and barbers, registered nurses, and other science practitioners; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Lisa Akbari again partnered with Southwest Tennessee Community College to create an online trichology program, educating trichologists across the Nation and, currently, she is working to create a two-year curriculum for trichology and related Continuing Beauty Education courses; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in the hair care industry, Lisa Akbari epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Akbari for her accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Lisa Akbari for her unwavering dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.